

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action dated November 20, 2003, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-8 and 15 are allowed, that claim 14 remains rejected, and that upon the filing of an Appeal, the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed October 23, 2003 would be entered.

Pursuant thereto, Applicants herein cancel claim 14, to thereby place the case in condition for allowance. The Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed October 23, 2003 is repeated. Entry is respectfully requested.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 1-8 and 15 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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